

THE CLIMAX.

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THE GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE.

The message of Gov. S. B. Buckner to the Senate and House of Representatives is an able and concise document. It deals plainly and directly with all questions of vital importance concerning the welfare of the public.

The Hewitt Revenue Law is endorsed in the following language:

"When the last General Assembly convened in 1885, the receipts of the Treasury, as reported by the predecessor, were insufficient to meet the demands made upon it by existing appropriations. This result had been brought about, chiefly by a defective system of assessments and collections, under the operation of which great inequalities prevailed in the valuation of property reported for taxation, while a considerable part of the taxable property of the State did not appear on the books of the Assessors. It was evident to the General Assembly that a persistence in so vicious a system of assessment would not only result in manifest injustice to individuals, but would also result in a permanent loss of revenue to the State. To meet the demands of the people for a better system, they wisely adopted the present revenue law. Under its operation, the Auditor's report shows that, instead of a deficit, there was a balance in the Treasury, on June 30, 1887, of \$197,084.88. After deducting the ordinary expenses of the government, including the legislative expenses, he estimates a balance June 30, 1888, of \$297,838.50. This favorable showing is the result of a more equitable assessment, and a more prompt collection of the revenue; and while the new law may require amendments, of the kind and to the extent which you can best judge, it is the immediate representative of your respective constituencies, it is respectfully suggested that, in any changes you may deem proper to make, care should be taken not to modify seriously the principal features of a bill which has shown such satisfactory results."

The Governor suggests that the seemingly unnecessary expenses imposed upon the State for criminal prosecutions, record books, idiots and guards for prisoners be regulated.

That all fines and forfeitures collected be paid in full and at once to the State Treasury, and that officers entitled to a percent receive the same by warrant drawn on the Treasury.

That the books of the Auditor and Treasurer be examined.

That the criminal law be revised with special reference to attempted assassinations, punishing the perpetrators of this crime with exceptional severity. The classes of felonies liable should be more clearly defined.

The message is full on the subject of bribery in elections, as follows:

"The safety of a Republic resides in the exercise of the right of suffrage by its citizens, uninfluenced by intimidation or corruption. Attention has been made by your predecessors to check the evils attending the employment of money in controlling elections; but it is to be regretted that notwithstanding existing legislation on the subject, the evil has already attained a magnitude which seriously endangers the interests of society. Not only the corrupt practices employed in the choice of candidates for political municipal offices, but it seems certain that judicial elections are conducted with equal disregard of law; and when it is considered that there but one step between the purchase of a judicial position and the sale of justice, the people may well despair of the proper administration of the laws under so vicious a system of election as is so often pursued. Unless these evils are checked, the tendency to corruption in public life will be increased by closed to virtuous and intelligent poverty, and left open only to the immorally wealthy who can buy position, and to the corrupt who will sell the rights of a freeman to aggregated and incorporated wealth. The subject demands your serious consideration, and it is believed that you can apply an efficient corrective to this increasing evil, just as your predecessors succeeded in effectually closing the public gambling houses, whose existence was maintained with so many evils. It is submitted to you that the laws on the present laws on the subject of bribery at elections are framed on a false theory. As the temper should be considered more guilty than the party who is tempted, so he who offers a bribe should be punished more severely than one who receives it; but existing laws inflict the lighter penalty on the more guilty party. But, however wise may be the laws, they are but an incubation to the statute books unless vigorously enforced. There is reason to believe that the laws on this subject are more nearly in accordance with the public mind in most need of their enforcement. The blame for this can not attach to the judicial officers of the State; for, in their charge to the grand jury, attention is especially called to this subject. But, with a public knowledge that the violation of this law is of alarming frequency, few indictments are found; and while convictions have been had against some persons who have taken bribes, it is doubted that a single instance can be found where the more guilty officer of the bribe has ever been prosecuted. In order that you may be fully advised to the extent of public corruption in this respect, I recommend that a thorough examination be made, on the scenes of their occurrence, by the General Assembly, into the practices which have been pursued at some of our elections. Your wisdom will then more readily apply to the remedies necessary to correct this growing evil. Considering the methods employed by the different political parties for swindling their candidates, it is but just to the public to apply to primary elections and nominating conventions, as is done in some other States, the same law in regard to bribery that governs the elections appointed by the authority of the Commonwealth. The penalties of the law, it is believed, should apply with equal force to combinations

or conspiracies of persons formed for the purpose of violating the laws enacted therefor."

A law requiring the prosecuting attorney, in cases where petition for pardon follows conviction, to furnish the Governor or Attorney General a full statement of facts proved in the case, is recommended, as such a course appears to the public and the accused justice.

The Railroad Commissioners are endorsed, and additional legislation is asked granting the commission power to regulate freight and passenger rates, to have trains run to suit the convenience of the public, to see that the roads and bridges are kept in good order, and depot accommodations are good. Also that one of the commission be styled the Railroad Commissioner with office at Frankfort, and an increased salary, while the others be styled Deputy Commissioners with decreased salaries.

The complete repair of the Capitol buildings with the erection of the lacking wing is advised, in order to have necessary room and comfort to facilitate the work of the departments and the courts.

The abolition of the office of Commissioner of Agriculture is advised, the function of that office to be transferred to the Agricultural and Mechanical College. Also that the study of the classical languages be prohibited in that school, and in their place the studies of mining, mechanics and engineering be substituted.

A committee to be composed of the Superintendents of the three Lunatic Asylums to select a site and arrange for the erection of a building for colored lunatics is advised.

An office to be styled the Inspector of Public Works and Institutions, whose duty it shall be to have general supervision of asylums, State turnpike stocks, etc., is recommended.

The State Militia is complimented, and a suggestion is made that an annual tax of 25 cents per capita be imposed upon militiamen for the better equipment of the active militia.

The public school system is commended, and regret expressed that it does not receive the proper local aid that it deserves. The Normal Institute is submitted to the fostering care of the Legislature.

The message praises the Commissioner of Insurance and the laws relative to that office, and suggests that the office be raised to the dignity of a separate and distinct Department from that of Auditor.

Improvements are made looking to the improvement in the sanitary condition of mines, and to their greater safety.

The excellent condition of the Penitentiary at Frankfort is remarked upon, and a suggestion offered that any appropriation that may be made for the Branch Penitentiary at Edgelyville be restricted to completing that part already in course of construction, before other portions are begun.

Reports of the Attorney General and State Librarian show those offices in good condition.

The Governor is of the opinion that the law allowing stockholders of turnpike companies in which directors without any voice in the State, ought to be repealed.

The report of the committee, appointed to attend the Forestry Congress, relative to the planting and cultivating of trees is recommended.

An increase in the salary of the Secretary of State is recommended. The Governor thinks that elections for legislative purposes should be held on the same day as other elections.

A board to be composed of the Governor, Attorney General and Secretary of State with an appropriation for the detection of crime and the arrest of criminals is recommended.

A half column of the message is devoted to Rowan county, and the Legislature is requested to inquire minutely into the condition of affairs in that county, and do something for its relief.

Requiring a more faithful discharge of official duties in arrest and punishment of criminals are suggested.

It is recommended that the office of Attorney General be converted into a Department of Justice to which all Commonwealth Attorneys and other prosecuting attorneys report, and that the Attorney General plan and promulgate a uniform system of prosecution, and have an assistant and an office for the survey records.

The Geological Survey is particularly praised, and a sufficient appropriation is suggested to set forth to the world the vast resources of minerals and bring about an early development of the State's natural wealth, and that the Director of the Survey be continued in charge of the Bureau of Immigration.

Brig. Gen. John S. Marmaduke, Governor of Missouri, died unexpectedly at Jefferson City on last Wednesday night, aged 54 years. He has been unwell since last summer, and spent some weeks in Europe for his health. He walked to his office and remained a few minutes on Sunday, and conversed freely and intelligently on Wednesday afternoon. His trouble was pneumonia superinduced by some unknown ill. It was to have entertained the children on that night, and the flowers intended to adorn the mansion were used on the casket and grave.

Lieutenant Governor Moorehouse becomes Governor.

Senator John D. Harris: "I liked the message exceedingly well. It is a sensible, business-like document, meeting the wants of the State."

A sad and sudden death occurred in Washington City on last Thursday forenoon. A well-dressed lady fell unconscious on the pavement on Connecticut avenue, and was removed to a hospital. She remained unconscious until her death that followed soon after. There was nothing by which she could be identified, save a handkerchief with one word "Bosworth" on it. An afternoon paper published an account, and it was revealed. The lady proved to be the wife of Hon. Ezra B. Taylor, Congressman from Ohio, who succeeded Mr. Garfield. She was a Mrs. Bosworth, of Lexington, Ky., and been married to Mr. Taylor only two months. She has two sons and a daughter in Lexington.

In the younger days, Mr. Taylor and the lady lived in the same town, and were engaged to be married. But something broke off the match, and both were married. Four years ago, Mrs. Taylor and Mr. Bosworth both died, and recently the old love was renewed with the result as above stated.

It would be well for persons from home to carry something by which they could be identified in case of sudden death. A letter, a card, a ring, collar, cuff—anything having the name would suffice. Mrs. Taylor died of apoplexy.

HORRIBLE RAILROAD WRECK.

On last Saturday afternoon, near 1 o'clock, two passenger trains collided at Greenwood, twelve miles from Somerset on the Cincinnati Southern Railroad, and a fearful wreck resulted. A conductor named Shrum, in an effort to read his orders, mistaking Summit for Somerset, and thus brought about the awful collision. The trains were running at full speed and dashed into each other completely telescoping the boilers of the two locomotives, and crushing several cars. The baggage and mail cars, and the passenger cars, were all wrecked, and the train took fire and they with their contents were consumed. The baggage car going South was thrown down an embankment thirty feet and smashed. Seven people were killed and fifteen wounded. Among the killed was James Severance, of Stanford, and a fearful wreck resulted. A freight train, carrying a large quantity of coal, was also wrecked, and the coal was scattered all over the place.

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and the necessity for the continuance of the office. It appears, from the statement, that there are now in the State 2,341 miles of railway; that there have been constructed during the year 244 miles, and that the total cost of these roads was \$76,513,920. The total assessed value of the railroad property amounts to \$55,571,681, being an increase over the assessment of the previous year of \$1,934,025. In 1886 the gross earnings amounted to \$10,937,177.95. In 1887 the gross earnings were \$12,399,724.11, being an increase of over 13 per cent. The net earnings were increased in about the same ratio.

The report of the Superintendent of Public Instruction shows satisfactory progress in that important department of the State Government. The school population of the current year numbers 249,592 white and 107,144 colored, being an increase over the previous year of 10,633 whites and 4,307 colored. The number of the school districts in the present year of 6,138 white and 1,011 colored previous year being an increase over the sixty-six districts for white children and eight for colored children.

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A SPARROW CATCHER.

How He Works at Night and How He Does It. These sparrows have been caught hard enough to drive out of the country, but they've made many an honest dollar, and I'll take their part.

That's what Joe Johnson says, and he knows what he is talking about. Joe hasn't any visible means of support—no day light. He does his work by night. It has an association with a sparrow netter and in the only one in the city follows it as a money-making last act. His hunting grounds are not in the public squares nor wooded places near the city. He hunts in the alleys, and in the side of churches, dwelling-houses and other places where vines climb and ding.

The sparrow netter's method of procedure is similar to those used for catching crabs, but much larger. He has put an improvement on the idea, however, as he has a purse string through the net, and he can draw it in. The month of the net is about six feet in diameter. The handle is long enough to enable him to reach up on the sides of the ivy-covered building.

When Joe reaches a spot where he intends to make a haul, he reaches up his big net until he covers a large space where the vines are thickest. He then draws the net down, and the sparrows are caught. The net is then drawn up, and the sparrows are taken out. The net is then drawn up, and the sparrows are taken out. The net is then drawn up, and the sparrows are taken out.

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An \$800 jack the property of Mr. Geo. P. Deatridge, died last week.

Mr. R. P. Fox sold his bay saddle gelding to Mr. Wilson, of Carlisle for \$175.

Rev. W. E. Hamilton and wife have removed to one of the cottages on Balliet street.

Mr. R. C. Potts and family have removed back to town and occupy their residence on Hill street.

Mr. William Arnold has sent two cars of mules South, but thus far the market has not been what he would like.

Kentucky River received a stage on January 1st slightly past fulling, and yesterday a steamer left Ford for Beattyville.

Dr. Giles Harris, Waco, offers his professional services to the public according to a card found elsewhere in this issue.

A number of persons took advantage of the ice season on Thursday and Friday last, and filled or nearly filled their ice houses with ice 24 inches thick.

A winter circus has been inaugurated to New York with a full menagerie of 100 performers by Mr. Frank A. Robinson. It will be here in about three months.

Mr. and Mrs. Larkin Mullins received a handsome New Year gift from a relative in Paris, France. It consists of ten superb roses, the finest that could be secured.

The C. H. Breck property on the corner of Lancaster Avenue and Breck street was sold at public sale on Thursday to Messrs. J. Stone Walker and S. S. Parker for \$8,000.

Messrs. H. J. and W. M. Burton of Kirkville, will teach a select school at East Bernstadt, beginning the 16th. The course will include Latin, Greek, German, French and book-keeping.

Silas Cobb, the young lawyer who has made his home in this city for the past six months, has concluded to return to Osnawa, where he will hereafter reside. Mr. Cobb is a young man of ability and was confident of his success in the law.

Mr. J. S. Speed Smith, agent of the Hartford Fire Insurance Co., presented THE CLIMAX office with a very handsome photograph of the Right Hon. Wm. E. Gladstone, M. P. Thanks were tendered, and we shall be glad to have our friends call and see a good picture of this world-renowned statesman.

Policeman Resigned. Mr. John A. Merston, who for years has been on the police force of Richmond, sent in his resignation last Thursday. He has made an excellent officer, and the success will have a difficult task in giving equal satisfaction.

Coal Yard Change. Mr. W. K. Denny sold on last Thursday to Messrs. D. R. & Geo. Furman his lease on the McDuff warehouse and coal yard. The new firm will be glad to have the patronage of the community and will furnish you with the best of coal.

Grand Opening. Messrs. Trumble & Blount will have a grand opening in their new, large and handsome store-house, First street, on Friday evening, January 6, 1888, at 7 o'clock. A band of music will be on hand and all kinds of refreshments served.

The Tree at Ford. It is said that the Christmas tree at Ford Clark and Madison. The largest crowd ever assembled at Ford was present. Miss Dollie Irvine of Lebanon and Miss Laura Shackelford of Richmond arranged the tree. Dr. Blanton is happy over the result.

Four Score and Seven. January last was the celebration of the 87th birthday of Zechariah Deary, who was born near Foytstown, Madison county. He located in an early day two miles North of Winston, Estlin county, where he now resides. He is hale and hearty, fond of reading, and reads the finest print without the use of spectacles.

A Novel Calendar. Something new in the way of a calendar has been sent out by the Pope Manufacturing Company, of Boston, Mass. It is in the form of a pad or a book, with blank space under each day for memoranda. It is neat and convenient, and one will be sent you on application. The printed matter contains valuable information.

Western Wealth. Such convincing reports are heard from various sources that it is a relief to read a reliable statement of the actual situation of the farmers, stockmen and business men of the West, such as is contained in a pamphlet just issued under the above title. The statistics given are the latest official figures. Farmers desiring this pamphlet can secure a copy free by addressing C. H. Warren, Gen. Pass. Agent, St. Paul, Minn.

Young Man do You Want a Situation. There is no better lever for success than the thorough and practical Business Course at the Commercial College of Kentucky University at Lexington, Ky. A large number of our most prominent book-keepers and successful business men of this town and county are its graduates and advocates. Read the advertisement of this College in another column, and write to Prof. William R. Smith Lexington, Ky. for circular and inducements offered our town and county boys and young ladies and gentlemen to attend this College.

View of the Capital. Mr. C. W. Bates, of the McCracken Advertising Company, Washington, D. C., has been in the city this week securing ads. for an advertising chart. The center piece is a splendidly executed photograph representing the Capitol at Washington, and forms a very artistic and attractive way of advertising. He secured quite a number of advertisers and placed a chart in each of three places: Post-office, Willis House and Garnett office. The printing was done at THE CLIMAX Printing Office and any changes in space or advertisements will have our care and attention.

Christmas.

The modest enjoying Christmas has changed materially in Madison county. Fewer parties were given than ever before known, but more presents were made, and a party of any consequence in the county, so far as we can hear. But the like of Christmas presents made was never known. And many of them were costly presents too. Nobly could have believed that the numerous \$10, \$15, \$20 and \$25 presents seen in different houses would be dispensed of, but they were. Christmas goods were perhaps never so cleanly sold out.

Daughters of Rebecca.

A lodge of this degree was instituted by Grand Master Reed on Thursday Dec. 29. The following officers were elected:

Mrs. Cattie A. Reed, N. G. W. G. W. White, R. S. N. G. Mrs. Mattie Trumble, L. S. N. G. J. B. Nicholson, R. S. V. G. B. Just, L. S. V. G. Mrs. Ada J. Reed, Secretary. Mrs. Nannie E. Clowers, Treasurer. R. Tudor, Warden. Mrs. Lila Prater, Conductor. S. L. Minkler, Outside Guard. M. B. Arbuckle, Inside Guard. A. A. Trumble, Chaplain.

Belligerent Ladies.

The subjoined card received by the editor of THE CLIMAX explains itself: (We suppose the B. L. stands for the belligerent ladies we give above.)

Countess of Gretna. The young ladies of Company B. L. will be glad to have you attend their Competitive Gretna Drill and Mask Promenade Concert, at Layson's Hall, Shelbyville, Thursday, December 27, 1887, at 8 o'clock, p. m.

Committee of Entertainment: Mrs. Wm. Bullock, Mrs. James M. Logan, Mrs. J. T. Davis, Miss Mattie Reed, Mrs. Wilson Scott, Mrs. R. A. Smith, Mrs. James Guttie, Miss Mayne Bullock.

Count Day.

Fair crowd in town but business reported dull. Not many cattle on the market, and a few if any changed hands. A number of mules on the market. Gentry Bros. of Danville bought 24 cotton mules, prices paid were \$75 to \$120. Carriers and Board of Lexington bought 10 cotton mules, prices ranging from \$80 to \$110. Fox Bros. bought 2 mules for \$225. Sheep on the market. Tuesday was a continuation of Conrady and a good many people were in town. There were a number of mules on the market.

Mr. Robert Miller sold to Mr. McClelland of Bristol, Tenn., 20 mules at \$100 per head, \$2,000. Mr. Samuel B. Fox sold 25 mules to the same party for \$2,500. Gentry Brothers of Danville, purchased a few more on Tuesday from \$75 to \$135.

A Shooting.

On Wednesday night of last week, George White, Jr., son of the well known printer, shot and dangerously wounded Frank Conway. The wounded man is keeper of McKenna's billiard hall, and the trouble arose over the payment for a game of pool. White went to the jail, after the shooting, and demitted admittance, but was refused, the turkey thinking that White was drunk and did not know what he was talking about, or doing, the turkey not having heard of the shooting. While then left town but was caught in Rockcastle county and returned to Richmond Saturday night and is in jail. His trial is set for tomorrow. Conway is wounded in the left lung, the ball passing through the arm.

A Richmond Man Tumbles Down an Elevator Shaft.

About two o'clock this morning William Christopher, a printer, living at No. 375 West Sixth street, fell down the shaft of the elevator of the new building, No. 64 Longworth street, and had a narrow escape from death. Christopher is employed in the American Press Company on the fourth floor of the building. He finished work about two o'clock and started down stairs. When he reached the second floor he turned to the right instead of the left and fell down the shaft. He struck the landing of the first floor and his head struck a cell, a fall of nearly thirty feet. His cries attracted the men employed on the fourth floor. They hurried down and assisted Christopher from the cellar. He was not seriously injured. Two friends assisted him home.—Cincinnati Enquirer, 27th.

New Year Changes.

Covington, Arnold & Bro. have moved into their handsome new store on West Main street, and F. C. Hays has removed his dry goods establishment from First street to the larger building on First street, adjoining the Post-office which was vacated by Covington, Arnold & Bro. Trumble & Blount have removed their stock of groceries from their stand on First street to the house which Hays vacated, six doors below their old stand on First street. Shackelford & Gentry have removed their new house on the burnt district on Main street, and the Adams Express Company have removed from their old stand on Second street to the house vacated by Shackelford & Gentry on Main street. D. P. Arner has removed jewelry establishment from Second street to the house recently occupied by Mr. T. J. Smith as a dry goods establishment on Main street. Mr. T. J. Smith has stored his goods over Lyter's Clothing store on Main street and over Fox Bros. livery stable.

Highland Park Stock Farm.

The Kentucky Stock Farm Devotee nearly three columns to the home of Sule & Traylor. The reporter gives an account of the following horses as they were sold for their stalls for his inspection. The first was a 4-year-old Wilkes, 4-year-old stallion by Red Wilkes; the next led out was Bob, a brown 2-year-old colt by Hambletonian; the third was Sule's (2:30) by Hylas. Lissa Belle was the next to make her appearance; she is a yearling filly by Manhattan Erie. The next shown was a first year grey colt, 2-year-old by Hylas. The next, was a grandson of the great Harry Wilkes by Tommy Wilkes a handsome bay gelding 2-year-old. Kilt S. a chestnut gelding 2-year-old by Hylas; this colt is made very much like Sule's. The fourth Sule's first year grey colt, which was next shown, by Hogg's Grey Eagle. Fitzhugh another good gelding by King Rene was led out. R. P. Fox, sorrel gelding with three months handling, trotted a mile in 2:28 came next. Joe D. was then shown; he is 2 years old by Bishop

Wilkes and is to go upon the circuit next year. Another 2-year-old filly by Hylas was the next shown. Last in description but not least by any means is a weanling filly by Red Wilkes. Highland Park Stock Farm is a half mile from the city, and a half from Richmond. In conclusion the Stock Farm says: "Mr. Henry Traylor, the proprietor of Highland Park, has turned his whole attention to the interest of his trotters, and has already proven himself exceedingly successful in bringing out speed, as in Sule's, R. P. Fox and others. We will more than likely hear from Mr. Traylor again next season, if there be any thing in blood, conformation and intelligent handling. His stock have wintered well so far, and should they continue so to do, he will show a fine stable of trotters in the spring."

Massic Elections.

The annual election of officers of the F. A. M. lodge No. 25, occurred Tuesday night in the lodge room. A supper was set at Diuelli's after the election which was a grand affair.

Officers elected were: R. C. Stockton, W. M.; John Bennett, S. W.; Claude Smith, J. W.; S. S. Parkes, Treas.; B. J. Newlin, Sec.; Sam Bennett, S. D.; Tum. Curtis, J. D.; M. Taylor, Tyler; J. J. Brooks and J. E. Greenleaf, Stewards.

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The Leap Year party on last Monday evening given by Miss Minna Phelps at her beautiful home, Dreaming Creek Heights, was a great success. The house was brilliantly lighted with colored lights and decorated beautifully with mistle. Carvass was stretched over the parlors for dancing. The young ladies entertained very handsomely and saw that none of the gentlemen were left without a partner. Miss Catherine Phelps assisted Miss Minna to receive and entertain their guests. Miss Catherine had on a magnificent costume of blue plush on train with gold lace and wheat embroidered in gold. Her partner was Mr. Phelps, who had on a delectable costume, white satin silk. We are sorry not to be able to give the names of all present, but the report of the party came just before going to press.

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KIRKVILLE.

The infant son of Mr. B. F. Tevis is improving rapidly.

Miss Annie Higgins closed her school in Fayette and is now at home.

Mr. M. Burton closed his school for the holidays and is with us at present.

Prof. Weir, a former teacher of Elliott Institute, is now in the village.

Miss Maggie Wilmore, who attended school in Richmond, is now at home.

Mrs. J. M. Cotton received the medal that was given by Miss McCann, the Art teacher.

Mr. George Burton closed his school at Sulphur Well several days past and is now at home.

Mr. Walker Tevis, who has been in Alabama for a while, has been at home several days on account of the illness of his brother.

Mr. Thomas Wearen, who has been attending school at Georgetown, is at home, and Mr. Frank Tevis, who has been attending school in Richmond, is also at home.

Miss Ruth Jones, who has been teaching at Little Hickman, Jessamine county, returned home accompanied by her two little nieces, Misses Elizabeth and Dream Richardson.

Mr. Walter Jones and Mr. Joe Higgins, who have been absent for some time, came back to spend the holidays with their many friends who are glad to meet them again, but they will leave again soon for Nashville, Tenn., where they have been a portion of the time.

UNION CITY.

The Christian church will be nearly broken up by the departure of Mrs. Wells. She has been a valuable member in many ways, and is therefore a sad loss.

Three-fourths of our citizens on Monday evening went to College Hill to the winter school, where they found a beautiful supply of everything that a hungry man could wish, and also a nice crowd of ladies and gentlemen.

Mr. C. T. Wells had a sale on Saturday last. It was such a bad, rainy day, but few people were present, and consequently little was sold. Mr. Wells and family will move to Richmond, Tuesday, and Dr. T. J. Palm will move into the house of Mr. Wells in Union City on Wednesday.

We have not had much Christmas. The young people have had a few parties in this neighborhood. At one of the stores in this place, Christmas Eve night, they had a general jubilee—bun-jumping, patting and dancing until 11 o'clock. Everybody paid for what they got, except the bun-jumper who was treated to apples by one of his friends.

Your humble servant saw old Santa Claus Tuesday on the public road next to Cow Spring church. He was a very old man; seemed to be about 80 years old, very dirty and ragged. That evening he arrived at Captain Noland's and remained all night. Santa could not speak a word of the English language. G. B. Noland brought him to the poor-house on Wednesday morning.

THIN COLUMN.

Bill Snifkins winked his left eye, one day this week.

Sheriff Dentlerage went to the Post-office and returned yesterday.

John Smith has returned from a visit to his next door neighbor.

Misfortune seems to have befallen a Hazel Green distillery. A postal card received here last week reads as follows: December 22 887

Mr. Phillip Little & Co. has inclosed the idea of stilling for the present season. We want to expose of our stills the concern has safe.

Hereunder we give a collection of the last remarks made by our people on last Saturday night before the old year expired: I got there.—Ell. You're right.—Roger. My horse had colic of oats.—Carter. My colt swam the river to get a drink.—Thompson. My ducks went.—wards.—Ward. I'll do what's right about it.—Harris. I never repeat.—Shakespeare. That was a good 'possum dinner.—White. They say I'm cranky.—Grindstone. Christmas oughtn't to come on Sunday.—It's a day lost.—Duck. Where's the parrot?—Numerous Clients. I'm not a duke.—Col. Brooks. I was there when the light went out.—Moses. It's a party for paper.—Uncle Jimmie. What's the chance for a railroad?—Ezra Co. Mann. Let 'em go.—Gallagher. I had no reference to allusion.—Irvin.

LETTERS.

Reminding unclaimed: In the Post-office at Richmond, Ky., week ending Jan. 3, 1888.

Branton, F. F. Gentry, Miss Otie Branton, T. B. Maxberry, Laura Berden, Mrs. Mary Montgomery, Lucy Cochran, Mrs. M. E. Wilder, Silas.

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BOOTS AND SHOES OF ALL KINDS, HATS, CAPS, TRUNKS AND FURNISHING GOODS.

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